

203.171-3 Policy.

(a) A DoD official covered by the requirements of Section 847 of Public Law 110-181 (a “covered DoD official”) who, within 2 years after leaving DoD service, expects to receive compensation from a DoD contractor, shall, prior to accepting such compensation, request a written opinion from the appropriate DoD ethics counselor regarding the applicability of post-employment restrictions to activities that the official may undertake on behalf of a contractor.

(b) A DoD contractor may not knowingly provide compensation to a covered DoD official within 2 years after the official leaves DoD service unless the contractor first determines that the official has received, or has requested at least 30 days prior to receiving compensation from the contractor, the post-employment ethics opinion described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) If a DoD contractor knowingly fails to comply with the requirements of the clause at 252.203-7000, administrative and contractual actions may be taken, including cancellation of a procurement, rescission of a contract, or initiation of suspension or debarment proceedings.

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203.171-4 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.203-7000, Requirements Relating to Compensation of Former DoD Officials, in all solicitations and contracts.

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Subpart 203.5—Other Improper Business Practices

203.502-2 Subcontractor kickbacks.

(h) The DoD Inspector General has designated Special Agents of the following investigative organizations as representatives for conducting inspections and audits under the Anti-Kickback Act of 1986:

(i) U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

(ii) Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

(iii) Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

(iv) Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

[56 FR 36288, July 31, 1991, as amended at 60 FR 29497, June 5, 1995]

203.570 Prohibition on persons convicted of frauds or other defense-contract-related felonies.

203.570-1 Scope.

This subpart implements 10 U.S.C. 2408. For information on 10 U.S.C. 2408, see PGI 203.570-1.

[71 FR 14100, Mar. 21, 2006]

203.570-2 Prohibition period.

DoD has sole responsibility for determining the period of the prohibition described in paragraph (b) of the clause at 252.203-7001, Prohibition on Persons Convicted of Fraud or Other Defense-Contract-Related Felonies. The prohibition period—

(a) Shall not be less than 5 years from the date of conviction unless the agency head or a designee grants a waiver in the interest of national security. Follow the waiver procedures at PGI 203.570-2(a); and

(b) May be more than 5 years from the date of conviction if the agency head or a designee makes a written determination of the need for the longer period. The agency shall provide a copy of the determination to the address at PGI 203.570-2(b).

[69 FR 74990, Dec. 15, 2004]

203.570-3 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.203-7001, Prohibition on Persons Convicted of Fraud or Other Defense-Contract-Related Felonies, in all solicitations and contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, except solicitations and contracts for commercial items.

[64 FR 14398, Mar. 25, 1999. Redesignated at 69 FR 74990, Dec. 15, 2004]

Subpart 203.7—Voiding and Rescinding Contracts

203.703 Authority.

The authority to act for the agency head under this subpart is limited to a

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level no lower than an official who is appointed by and with the advice of the Senate, without power of redelegation. For the defense agencies, for purposes of this subpart, the agency head designee is the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

[56 FR 36288, July 31, 1991, as amended at 60 FR 61592, Nov. 30, 1995; 65 FR 39704, June 27, 2000]

Subpart 203.9—Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees

203.900 Scope of subpart.

This subpart implements 10 U.S.C. 2409 as amended by Section 846 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181) and Section 842 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110-417).

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203.903 Policy.

The following policy applies to DoD instead of the policy at FAR 3.903:

(1) 10 U.S.C. 2409 prohibits contractors from discharging, demoting, or otherwise discriminating against an employee as a reprisal for disclosing, to any of the following entities, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a DoD contract, a gross waste of DoD funds, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law related to a DoD contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract):

- (i) A Member of Congress.
- (ii) A representative of a committee of Congress.
- (iii) An Inspector General that receives funding from or has oversight over contracts awarded for or on behalf of DoD.
- (iv) The Government Accountability Office.
- (v) A DoD employee responsible for contract oversight or management.
- (vi) An authorized official of an agency or the Department of Justice.

(2) A contracting officer who receives a complaint of reprisal of the type described in paragraph (1) of this section

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shall forward it to legal counsel or to the appropriate party in accordance with agency procedures.

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203.904 Procedures for filing complaints.

In addition to the procedures at FAR 3.904, any contractor employee who believes that he or she has been discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against contrary to the policy in 203.903 may file a complaint with the DoD Inspector General.

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203.905 Procedures for investigating complaints.

The following procedures apply to DoD instead of the procedures at FAR 3.905:

(1) The DoD Inspector General will make a determination as to whether a complaint is frivolous or merits further investigation.

(2) If the DoD Inspector General determines that a complaint merits further investigation, the DoD Inspector General will—

- (i) Notify the complainant, the contractor alleged to have committed the violation, and the head of the agency;
- (ii) Conduct an investigation; and
- (iii) Provide a written report of findings to the complainant, the contractor alleged to have committed the violation, and the head of the agency.

(3) The DoD Inspector General—

- (i) Will determine that the complaint is frivolous or will submit the report addressed in paragraph (2) of this section within 180 days after receiving the complaint; and

- (ii) If unable to submit a report within 180 days, will submit the report within the additional time period to which the person submitting the complaint agrees.

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203.906 Remedies.

(1) Not later than 30 days after receiving a DoD Inspector General report in accordance with 203.905, the head of the agency—

- (i) Shall determine whether sufficient basis exists to conclude that the